

The Power of God's Word (Luke 4:1-13)

I. God's Word Overpowers Temptation (Luke 4:1-13)

A. Jesus Was Taken By the Spirit To be Tempted (v. 1-2a)

1. The Spirit had Ordained His being Tempted (1)
2. It was Satan Who Did the Tempting
 - Satan can only Go as Far as God allows
 - 40 Days = Time of Testing
 - (discuss the peccability of Christ)

B. Jesus Defeated Temptation By Trusting God's Word (2b-13)

1. Jesus Trusted God To Provide (v. 2b-4)

- a. He fasted in preparation and was hungry (2b)
 - Fully human, he had physical needs
- b. Satan Suggested He use His power to Eat (3)
 - i. Is it a sin to turn rocks into bread?
 - ii. Sin was independence from Father
 - iii. Jesus laid aside the prerogatives of deity
 - iv. He trusted completely in the Father
- c. Jesus Trusted God's Word (4)
 - i. He quoted Deuteronomy 8:3
 - ii. Jesus didn't have to operate outside of the Father
 - iii. God would provide

2. Jesus Trusted God Alone As Sovereign (5-8)

- a. Satan offered Jesus the Word For His Worship (5-7)
 - i. God had already promised the Kingdoms
 - Rule with rod of Iron
 - ii. Satan offered Christ way out of cross
 - easier, quicker, bring good from bad
- b. Jesus Trusted God's Word (8)
 - i. He quoted Deuteronomy 6:13
 - ii. God ordains the means and the ends
 - iii. Must do it his way
 - iv. God alone is to be worshiped

3. Jesus Trusted God's Care (9-13)

- a. Satan Tempted Him to test God's faithfulness
 - i. Throw yourself off the Temple
 - ii. He quoted Ps 91 out of context
- b. Jesus Quoted Deuteronomy 6:16
 - i. Testing God is the opposite of Faith
 - ii. Jesus Trusted without needing proof

C. Satan Could Not Defeat God's Word (14)

1. He departed unable to cause Jesus to sin
2. He did not depart for good.
 - We live in constant struggle.